



Manchester Public Schools



What's Today's News?

KEENEY'S GENIUS HOUR...

Google's "20% Time", inspired by Sergey Brin's and Larry Page's Montessori School experience, is a philosophy and policy that every Google employee spend 20% of their time (the equivalent of a full work day each week) working on ideas and projects that interest that employee.

This year Keeney Street School's fifth graders and Mrs. Patrick's second graders will continue to work to incorporate this idea in their classrooms. Although they can't promise to devote a full day each week to student interest-based learning experiences, they have committed to set aside a solid hour for students to explore their individual passions.

Students brainstorm topics they are passionate about, develop questions that are not easily answered, and begin researching. Once their research is complete they collaborate to create a presentation about their findings that can be shared with a real audience.

During a recent genius hour, a fifth grader was using a website to aide him in deciding what foreign language he is interested in learning to speak and two girls were looking up the history of the ukulele and were hoping to learn how to play a song for their presentation.



Second grader Michael is passionate about art and hopes to become a sculptor one day. He has been researching a variety of famous sculptors and the mediums they use to create their sculptures. Today he is sketching a picture of his final project.

